PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicants Tetsujiro Kondo, et al. 10/089,925 Serial No. Filed August 9, 2002 HIGH-OUALITY SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICE AND METHOD For OF CLASSIFICATION AND PREDICTION PROCESSING OF SYNTHESIZED SOUND (AS AMENDED) Storm, Donald L. Examiner 2626 Art Unit 745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151 Tel: 212-588-0800 Mail Stop Amemdnet **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below. This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply. Claims as Amended (6) (2) (3)(4)(5)(1) Highest Present extra Rate Claims remaining after number amendment previously paid for Minus **= 61 * 0 x \$50 (25) Total claims 53 *** = 18 \$200 (100) Independent claims 18 Minus * 0 x Total additional fee for this amendment If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space. This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid \square , or is paid herewith . This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$____ is attached, which covers the cost of \[\] additional claims \[\] petition for extension of time. Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATE Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 13, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 13, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 26 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 34 of this paper.